Central aid to States for development of tourism

301. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central aid given to various States for development of tourism during the last ten years indicating the break-up year--wise;

(b) what are the reasons for which Maharashtra has not been ,given adequate funds inspite of the fact that 80 per cent of caves listed in the World Heritage Book are situated in Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal for Japanese aid to Buddhist Centres in the country- and

(d) whether there is any specific proposal for Japanese aid to Ajanta and Ellora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE! OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ FATIL): (a) The details of financial assistance given by the Central Department of Tourism to various States for creation of tourism infrastructure during the last ten years, are given at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 10].

(b) The Department provides fin ancial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on h e basis of. specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to merits of the. Droposals, availability funds and inter-se priorities. The Department had received proposals from the Government of Maha-r'ashffra for Ajanta Caves and Elft-otanta Island for which- appropriate financial-assistance was sanctioned by the Department.

(c) Yes,. Sir. There is a proposal for Japanese aid. to Buddhist .Centres located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(d) No, Sir.

Grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants

302. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPS/TENT be pleased to state**:**

(a) whether Government are re considering the proposal of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Assoc iation for grant of Teaching Allow ance to Laboratory Assistants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the re asons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a) and (b) The matter regarding grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants working in schools of Union Territories and autonomous bodies like Kendriya Vidyalayas is under consideration.

Complaints of mal-administratfon in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Agra

303. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has received many complaints of shortage of furniture for students and nonavailability of chemicals in laboratories in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 of Agra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

- (c) what is the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a)' to (c) Yes, Sir. Complaints against the principal alleging mal-administration, lack of

physical facilities, harassment of tha teachers, inflicting corporal punishment on the students etc, have been received from teachers and parents of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Agra. The Assistant Commissioner having jurisdiction has been directed to conduct a probe and submit his report.

Exeavation work of Buddhist Montry In Orissa

304. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESfOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the , Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken excavation work of the Buddhist Monastry of Seventh Century in Burchona area of Cuttack district in Orissa; and

(b) if so, when the excavation was Started and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE •(MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Archaelogical Survey of India has undertaken excavations at Buddhist site, Udayagiri, in Barchona area of Cuttack District, Excavating at Udayagiri, which were taken up in 1985, will continue till 1989-90.

WOTnen officers in Indian Foreign Service

305. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of women officers in the Indian Foreign Service serving overseas; and

Ob) what are the names of the countries where they are posted present?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Presently there are women IJF.S. Officers serving overseas.

(b) The names of the countries where they are posted, at present,, are given in the statement _ placed below.

Statement

1. Smt. Sonu Kochar, Ambassador, Paris. (FRANCE) .
2. Smt. Manorama Bhalla, High Commissioner, Nairobi. (KENYA).
9. Smt. Chokila Iyer, High Commissioner, Mahe. SEYCHELLES).
4. Smt. Savitri Kunadi, Ambassador, Lima. (PERU).
5. Smt. Madhu Bhaduri, Minister, Vienna. (Austria).

   Smt. Shashi Tripathi, Deputy Consul General, Karachi. (park .).
7. Smt. Suryakanti Tripathi, Counsellor, Kathmandu. (Nepal).
8. Smt. Laxmi Puri, Counsellor, Geneva. (Switzerland).
9. Smt. N. Mitra, Counsellor, Nairobi. (Kenya).
10. Smt. L. Prasad, Counsellor, Prague. (Czechoslovakia).
11. Smt. P. Sen Vyas, Counsellor, Cairo.(Arab Republic of Egypt).
12. Kum. Vijayalata Reddy, Counsellor, Lisbon. (Portugal).
13. Smt. K. Commar, First Secretary, Canberra. (Australia).